

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-13. (cancelled)

14. (new) A coin processing device which ascertains genuine or counterfeit nature and denomination of inserted coins, accommodates coins that have been ascertained to be genuine according to denomination, and pays out the accommodated coins via a coin pay-out slot according to amount of change, comprising:

an auxiliary tube which accommodates coins with a high frequency of use; and

coin-type IC card processing means for ascertaining genuine or counterfeit nature of inserted coin-type IC cards, performing input and output of information into and from coin-type IC card that have been ascertained to be genuine, and discharging the coin-type IC cards from the coin pay-out slot,

wherein

the coin-type IC card processing means comprise:

discriminating means for ascertaining the genuine or counterfeit nature and denomination of the inserted coins, and ascertaining the genuine or counterfeit nature of the coin-type IC cards;

sorting means comprising a sorting lever for sorting the genuine coins and the genuine coin-type IC cards into respective separate passages, and for guiding the coin-type IC cards that have been ascertained to be genuine into a first passage for coin-type IC cards that communicates with the coin pay-out slot; and

information input/output means for inputting and outputting information into and from the genuine coin-type IC cards, the information input/output means being disposed at an intermediate point in the first passage, and

wherein

a part of the first passage is disposed within the auxiliary tube,

the information input/output means comprises retention means for retaining the coin-type IC card, and is disposed in the part of the first passage disposed within the auxiliary tube, and

the coin-type IC card is retained in the part of the first passage disposed within the auxiliary tube, whereby information is input into and output from the coin-type IC card.